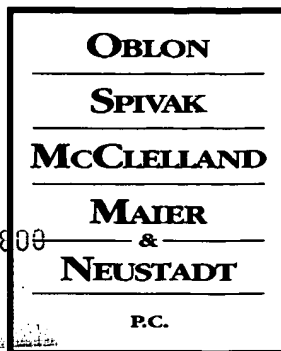


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Applicants: Ken AMEMIYA, et al.
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For: IMAGE FORMING APPARATUS AND CLEANING
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Attached hereto for filing are the following papers:

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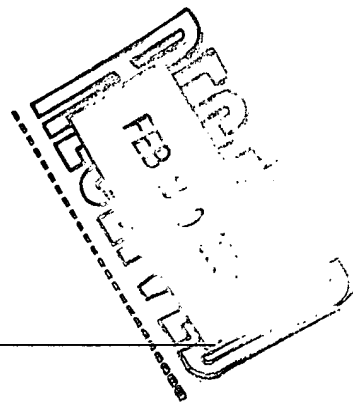
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In response to the Office Action dated October 28, 2003, favorable reconsideration of the above-identified application is requested.

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